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(WASHINGTON, DC) -- Today, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure voted to pass a study resolution requested by Congressman Russ Carnahan (MO-3), who sits on the Subcommittee on Water Resources and the Environment. This resolution will be enacted immediately and does not need to be considered on the floor of the House of Representatives.

The resolution commissions a study to evaluate structural deficiencies in the St. Louis Floodwall. The study resolution was brought to the attention of the Committee when Carnahan asked Representative James Oberstar, Chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, to consider it.

"After the catastrophic effects of Hurricane Katrina, we better understand the need to protect our citizens against natural disasters. It is important to conduct this study to determine if the St. Louis Floodwall needs to be reconstructed," Carnahan said.

The Great Flood of 1993 exposed serious deficiencies in the St. Louis Floodwall. Without the prompt attention of the Army Corps of Engineers, 3,160 acres of industrial and commercial property - valued at one billion dollars - could have been inundated with water. This study will evaluate the need to reconstruct the floodwall.

This study also appears in the Water Resources Development Act, as requested by Carnahan. Because the Senate has not yet passed their version of the Water Resources Development Act, Carnahan's efforts ensure that a study of the Floodwall can begin immediately.